

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 34, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

In certain embodiments, a PHA blend can contain one or more components in addition to the PHA's. In some embodiments, the additional component can be a biodegradable additive, e.g., thermoplastic starches, polyvinyl alcohol polymers, synthetic biodegradable polymers. In other embodiments, the additional component can be an performance additive, e.g., an adhesive performance additive, e.g., a tackifier, a cross-linking agent, a wax. In some embodiments, a PHA blend can contain a nucleating agent, e.g., cyanuric acid. Nucleating agents having desirable properties are described in U.S. Provisional Application (~~Attorney Docket No. 14074-015P01~~) 60/533,640, entitled "Nucleating Agents," and filed on December 30, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference.